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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

The citizens of Orange have just completed the organization of a home guard, 105 strong.

Twelve hundred pounds of delicacies have been shipped to the Presidio for the soldier boys from Redlands.

The San Diego Golf club will build a new club house in bungalow style. The golf beginners will call it bungle-oh.

The loss by the Kingman fire last week was \$70,000. Over twenty-five buildings were destroyed. Insurance, \$26,300.

The sale of \$100,000 in Arizona bonds, the proceeds to be used to erect a capital building, was made in Phoenix last week.

Another letter of inquiry has been received by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in regard to the opening of a glass making enterprise.

The Santa Fe company has completed its calculation of the losses at the Fairview tunnel during last winter, and places the amount at about \$500,000.

The irrigation pipes which draw the water from Santa Ynez river have been screened to prevent trout from being carried through them and lost in the orchards.

A splendid deposit of glass sand has been discovered near San Juan Capistrano, about sixty miles south of Redlands. The deposit is unlimited and of high silica percentage.

D. C. McDill, the champion lion killer of Arizona, left twenty-nine scalps with the Board of Supervisors at Globe on his way to Phoenix last week. He expects to leave soon for another hunt.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Riverside has tendered its services as an organization to the government, the members pledging themselves to do for the nation anything they may be called upon to do.

Frank McConnell has returned to Santa Barbara from Klondyke, and reports to have struck it rich, having interests in several claims, which, he states, will net him on an average of \$100,000 annually.

Another insult to the flag comes from the borderland near Mexico. Two Spaniards fired on the colors at Lakeside, but only succeeded in nicking the flagpole. A charge of buckshot was sent after them, and a reward of \$50 is now out for their arrest.

The length of the new pleasure wharf at Santa Monica will be 1260 feet, with a twelve-foot approach, widening to twenty-eight feet when about one thousand feet out, and again widening to forty feet on the last twenty-eight feet of its length.

In all Spain there are fewer newspapers than in the state of California, and the best one in Spain is hardly better than the poorest one in this state. It is not to be wondered at that the Spanish haven't found out yet that they are going to get such a trouncing.

The lemon growers and packers of San Diego county have donated a carload of lemons to Admiral Dewey and his men at Manila. The fruit has been sent to San Francisco free of charge, from which place it will be loaded on the government transports leaving for the Philippines.

The minute men of San Diego have completed their organization under the following officers: U. S. Grant, Colonel; D. L. Kretsinger, Adjutant and Captain; H. J. Baldwin, Quartermaster; Dr. J. C. Hearne, Surgeon; Rev. P. E. Kipp, Chaplain, and W. R. Spahr, Sergeant-Major.

One of the curiosities at the San Diego Chamber of Commerce is an old cannon, known as El Jupiter, which was made at Manila, in the Philippine Islands, in 1783. At that remote day the gun was sent from the islands by the Spanish authorities to form part of a battery guarding San Diego, which was then under Spanish control.

The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific are both being nearly swamped by the government in the efforts to send supplies for the Philippine islands expedition. Several trains on both roads have for several days been speeding westward as fast as the time could be made. The run from New York to San Francisco has been made in six days.

Gov. McCord of Arizona has received a letter from C. J. R. Carson of Los Angeles offering to pay \$5000 cash to any of "Teddy's Terrors" who would

deliver the head of Gen. Weyler to him. The Arizona cowboys were not sent out as head hunters, but inspired by Mr. Carson's generous offer, they will likely make an exception of Gen. Weyler.

The Los Angeles Pigeon Flying club has started a series of races after a number of trial flights, the first race having been flown May 3 from Bakersfield to Los Angeles. The time made on this occasion, 3h., 6m., for 104 1/2 miles, lowers previous records by 46 minutes. The club's next race will be from Fresno, another from Sacramento being scheduled for June 29.

Eleven members of Company K of San Bernardino failed to pass the physical examination. Over 20 failed to pass Dr. Roblee. This was out of 120 men examined. In one of the Los Angeles companies 43 out of 95 failed to pass. This shows the necessity of having all applicants for admission to membership in the National Guard subjected to a rigid physical examination.

During the absence of Valentine Al-sult, an extensive sheep owner of Ventura, who shipped half of his flock to new pasturage, a large number of sheep remaining for future shipment suddenly disappeared, and after a search were found distributed among several citizens of Ventura. Al-sult immediately swore to over a dozen complaints, charging his neighbors with having stolen his sheep.

The danger of an Indian outbreak in Arizona has become so imminent that Col. Sumner has ordered two troops of cavalry from Fort Huachuca to the Mexican boundary line from Nogales, Ariz., to the Gulf of California, observing a strict patrol of the entire border. Another troop has been ordered from Fort Grant to Fort Huachuca, to garrison the latter fort while the troops are in the field, and to be prepared to assist these troops in case of trouble.

The Santa Barbara Press says: "A lady living in Boston wrote to her daughter in Santa Barbara the other day, expressing great sympathy for her in her 'awful situation out there among the Spaniards,' and sending her money with which to 'come home at once.' The Santa Barbara lady sent the draft back, telling her mother that she had better use it in buying a ticket to California, as there was far more danger in Boston from the Spaniards than in Santa Barbara."

The citric acid factory established at National City by the San Diego Land and Town company is about completed and is expected to be in operation by June 1. The factory will handle twenty tons of lemons per day, and is expected to furnish a first rate market for the cull fruit, which up to the present time has been a total loss. The Land and Town company has the largest lemon orchard in the world within sight of the factory, and will use up much of its own fruit in manufacturing citric acid.

Postmaster Mathews of Los Angeles has received a communication from the department at Washington, stating that the department would issue ordinary postage stamps of special design in connection with the Transmississippi Exposition. The stamps will be designated the "Omaha stamp," and will represent the following denominations: One, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 50-cent and \$1 and \$2. The issue of these stamps will cease at the end of the calendar year, December 31, 1898, but they will be good for postage indefinitely.

Fifteen Papago Indians from near the Fresual villages were recently arrested for participating in the raid on the Mexican village of El Plomo, and two of their leaders, Chiclo and El Churon, have been held to the United States grand jury, which will convene in September. The rest were ordered taken to the Sacaton agency, where they will be regarded as suspects, and made to work at manufacturing adobe bricks. The Indians say they crossed the Mexican line in order to gather up a number of their ponies grazing there, but made the mistake of going armed. This is a violation of the neutrality laws existing between this country and Mexico, and the chiefs are held to that charge.

The reason the government has not secured the Mt. Lowe searchlight is that the terms proposed by Receiver Torrance and once accepted by the government do not seem to be satisfactory to the government. A contract was drawn up and approved by the court allowing the searchlight to go, the idea being that it should be returned by winter, thus giving the government time to secure a light of its own. But, though once accepted, the government now does not sign the contract, and wants to keep the light for an indefinite period. As the searchlight, with the remainder of the property is in the hands of a receiver, and will probably be sold within a few months to the highest bidder, the United States authorities seem to the court and its officers to be a little unreasonable.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Rolled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The Pacific Mail Steamship company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent.

The Spanish authorities are said to be in possession of plans of the fortifications of San Francisco harbor.

The Trulock Irrigation district's big dam in the Tuolumne river, constructed at a cost of \$500,000 is completed.

The New York Mail and Express remarks that the seat of war may be removed from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A brass band has been organized among the young ladies of Bakersfield, the only male member being Jack Alvord, who will act as leader.

The Astoria and Columbia River railroad is now open for traffic. The new line connects with the N. P. at Globe, and with the S. P. at Portland.

About \$500 was raised at Santa Cruz for the families of the powder explosion victims. Over 1500 people from San Jose took part in the benefit.

The convention of county supervisors at Napa decided that county hospitals are too expensive. The members indorsed the present road law.

The City of Seattle arrived at Seattle with the largest passenger list yet brought by a returning steamer since the rush to Alaska began. She has 263 passengers.

The Odd Fellows made a splendid showing in California during the past year, having paid out for relief and charity over \$250,000. California leads all states of the union in membership in this order.

After filling all the ditches and canals, 2000 inches of water are absolutely going to waste in the San Gabriel river. This has an opulent and sumptuous sound that gives rich comfort in a dry season.

The Southern Pacific company has issued a statement of its earnings for the first nine months of the fiscal year. The gross earnings were \$41,791,084 against \$37,449,645 for the previous year, an increase of \$4,341,439.

There is much talk among the people of Santa Monica about a proposition to petition the Legislature to divide Los Angeles county, so as to make a new county of the territory embracing the Soldiers' Home and that city.

A special from San Francisco states nothing will be done about the reorganization of the National Guards until all the work consequent to mustering in the volunteers to the United States service has been completed.

The cattle owners in Arizona now claim to be in control of the meat markets of California. The entire southern portion of the State, they claim, is short of feed. Inside of sixty days it is expected beef will increase in price as rapidly as wheat did in the Chicago markets.

A deal has just been closed between the United States government and E. E. Caine of Seattle, representing the Dunsmuirs, for the purchase of 8500 tons of coal. The bulk of the coal is for the Port Orchard naval station, where it will be kept in bunkers for American war vessels.

The steamer Morgan City arrived at Seattle from Copper river with news of two large snowslides which occurred on Valdez glacier, April 30 and May 1. One hundred people were caught, but only three were killed. They are: Joseph Furner, Chicago; B. Antwerp, Minneapolis, and A. Johnson, Eureka, Cal.

G. M. Schilling, the one-armed athlete who passed through Los Angeles a short time ago on his tramp around the globe, has arrived at Vancouver, B. C. He will go from there to Victoria, where he will sail for the other hemisphere. Schilling must return to New York with \$5000 by August 3, 1901, and can not beg on his journey.

As an outcome of permission given recently by the gold commissioner to prospect the present townsite of Dawson, gold has been found beneath the streets of Dawson, running from good colors to 35 cents a pan. The formation exposed in a shaft sunk at Dawson shows plainly that the present townsite was once a bar in the Yukon River.

An odd difficulty has been encountered in Oakland. One leper has killed another, and so brought himself under the ban of the law. Unfortunately the ban is rendered rather ineffective by

the impossibility of bringing the culprit into the city to court or jail. A deputy sheriff has been given the pleasant task of guarding him where he is, and there the matter rests.

State control is now being advocated as the best method of securing a fair distribution of water among the ranchers in Southern California. A movement is now on foot to have the Wright Act repealed and the State given control of the several irrigation systems. It is believed that this would result in the establishment of reservoirs in the mountains and an equitable distribution of the water supply which would give abundance to all.

In response to the memorial requesting protection for the Pacific Coast, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has received advices from Secretary Long, through the California delegation at Washington, that the matter of defense of the commerce of this coast has recently been referred to the naval war board, which reports that the commander-in-chief on the Pacific station has been instructed in regard to the general subject of Pacific Coast defense.

### EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The price of bread has been raised one cent a loaf by the bakers in New York.

Capt. M. G. Bade, secret service agent for Kentucky, dropped dead in Louisville.

There are 5000 men in Louisiana immune to yellow fever, who will enlist for military service in Cuba.

Two Spaniards with performing bears were mobbed in Jonesville, Va., and one was seriously hurt.

The large flint mill of the Mining and Mill company, at East Liverpool, O., burned. The loss is \$100,000.

The schooner Anna Louis Lockwood which was reported to have been captured by the Spanish passed up the Delaware bay.

An engine drawing a freight train at Greycourt, N. Y., blew up, killing the engineer, William Cronck, and Fireman Ben Ranker.

The Star's Montreal special says that Polo has secured the use of the French Newfoundland port as a coal-station for the Cadiz fleet.

Rear Admiral L. A. Kimberly, U. S. N., retired, has received telegraphic orders to return to active service, and reserve until further notice as prize commissioner.

It is reported that 6000 out of 7000 mules recently sent from the United States to Cuba for the Spanish army have died on account of the sudden change of climate.

The government has again warned pilots that there is danger from mines located in New York harbor. It is also threatened to fire upon vessels outside of the channel.

At Tampa, Fla., fifteen Cuban physicians have entered the service of the United States. They are regarded as specialists in Cuban diseases, and will accompany the invading army.

The government has established a censorship in the cable offices at New York. The telegraph companies also are stopping contraband telegrams, especially those going to Canada.

The president of Harvard college doesn't know why this nation is going to war, and declares that troops are responding to the country's call from a sense of duty, hence there is no enthusiasm.

The New York Assembly has passed a bill, which has been signed by the Governor, and is now a law of the state, compelling school districts to supply schools with flags, which must be displayed during school hours.

A tornado swept Clinton and Jackson counties last week, carrying everything before it. Many lives were lost, and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed. The path varied from forty rods in some parts of Clinton county to eighty feet in Jackson, much of the district being rich in farming land.

There was an exciting chase after a dynamiter through the streets of Tampa last week. Capt. McCormick saw a Spaniard with three sticks of dynamite hiding in the rear of the government store. The fellow was heavily armed. When discovered he hurriedly left. Policemen gave chase, but the fellow escaped to the woods. Guards over the magazine stores have been doubled.

The Normal University of Indiana has presented Evelyn B. Baldwin with a handsome flag. The occasion of the presentation was the departure of Prof. Baldwin for Franz Josef Land to join the Wellman polar expedition in search of Andree and the North Pole. Prof. Baldwin will represent the United States government as observer in the weather bureau, and is also one of the executive officers of the expedition. The expedition will leave from Tromsø, Norway, June 20, to be absent about two years.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

The war department makes public the points of concentration of troops from the several states. The order is taken to indicate that the movement on Cuba will be undertaken with much greater force than was originally intended.

The Evening World says the Comptroller of the Currency has received a number of applications from presidents of banks in the cities of the New England coast, to be permitted to remove their deposits to interior banks. Reports of firing at sea have frightened the coast bankers. The Comptroller has invariably refused these applications.

A Washington special says: "Should Congress fail to move at once for Hawaiian annexation, seizure will result, and that very quickly. At least President McKinley is having prepared plans for the landing at Honolulu of a regiment of infantry, and at least two battalions of artillery to hold the harbor and protect it from entrance by any foe."

A special from Washington says: "Havana is short of powder and shot. It is to supply Blanco with ammunition for his big guns that the Cape Verde fleet has been ordered to take all risks to reach Cuba. Blanco, it is asserted, wired to Madrid that he had not enough ammunition for the guns of his harbor fortifications to last two days, and that if he had to be divided with the forts protecting Havana on the land side, his powder and shot supply would not last twenty-four hours."

The point is being discussed whether communication between Havana and Santiago de Cuba is by shore cable or land wires. If by land wires it would indicate that the Spaniards pretty effectually control the whole island, else the line would have been cut by insurgents. The Cubans have proved a disappointing factor in the war so far. The failure of the Gussie expedition, and the indications that Blanco's telegraph wires are strung unmolested all over Cuba, are cases in point. Army authorities have about concluded the coming campaign must be fought without reference to insurgents.

The war department is having built a number of steel tanks in which water will be conveyed to Cuban ports. This measure is adopted with the object in view of avoiding the contamination of the water supply in Cuba, and is intended to provide fresh and pure water for the invading army. The base of supplies for drinking water will be Key West, where the navy department is building a large distilling plant capable of producing 100,000 gallons per day. The water will be taken to Cuba in water boats, and will be distributed to the troops as long as they are in convenient proximity to the coast. One of the most serious problems of the campaign in Cuba will be the furnishing of drinking water to the troops. Such a condition has not confronted the military supply authorities of any army. The climatic conditions in Cuba during the summer, however, are such as to present many serious problems to the medical and subsistence departments. The greatest care must be exercised in preserving the health of officers and men.

### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Gladstone died at his home at Hawarden last week.

A package containing over 500,000 francs in securities was stolen from a car of the P. L. & M. railroad near Paris.

The Spanish loss during the engagement at Cienfuegos is now known to have been three hundred killed and several hundred wounded.

Advices from the South Seas state that at a meeting at Samoa, the rebel seat of the government, a new flag was hoisted. This is taken as a sign of an early uprising.

About the middle of April, says a Manila report, Spanish warships went to Cebu, Philippines, where they bombarded the city. The rebels escaped with \$200,000 in cash.

The colonial government has been advised that, owing to complications between Great Britain and France, which may result in war, the authorities have decided to fortify St. John's.

The telegraph office at the Island of Grand Canary, near the center of the Canary Islands, the chief city of which is Las Palmas, has been seized by the Spanish authorities. All telegrams except the barest commercial messages have been stopped.

Emilio Agdinaldo and other leaders of the late Philippine rebellion have fallen out over a division of the \$800,000 which Spain was to pay as the price of ending the rebellion. Last December the Spanish government sent \$400,000 to Hong Kong to be divided among the leaders of the insurgents, and promised \$400,000 more for distribution among the participants in the rebellion still remaining on the islands.